

Washington, DC – Congressman John Adler joined members of both parties today to call on Congressman Charlie Rangel to step down as chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. The House ethics panel announced yesterday that Congressman Rangel violated the Congressional gift rules. The panel also said that its investigation into other possible misconduct continues.

"Members of Congress must be held to the highest standard and face the appropriate consequences for their actions. I urge Mr. Rangel to step down as chair of the Ways and Means Committee," Congressman Adler said. "Congress should be focused on creating jobs and turning our economy around, and a prolonged discussion about Mr. Rangel's chairmanship is a distraction. Mr. Rangel should step down as chairman, so Congress can get back to work."